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Dear Trial Attorney Hesse:

My letter for the public commentary phase of the *U.S. v. Microsoft* antitrust case seeks to demonstrate my support in favor of the settlement agreement which was reached between Microsoft Corporation and the United States Justice Department.

I gladly applaud the Justice Department for reaching this agreement because the settlement will bring to an end a protracted and expensive case which has resolved the issues which the court has upheld as valid concerns.

I think the merits of the settlement agreement and the conclusions reached therein can be beneficial to the future of software development in our nation. On the other hand, I am very wary of efforts by some interests to undermine this fair and just settlement and the motivations behind those efforts.

What is most noteworthy to me is that this case did not find that Microsoft had harmed consumers. This fact should give pause to those who wish to continue spending resources to continue this case beyond what is reasonable.

As a businesswoman, I am pleased with the high value and affordable cost of Microsoft's products. I believe the corporation has done much to make information technologies handily available and affordable to millions of Americans. As one of the most successful corporations in America, Microsoft is a pillar in America's economy and it has been a reliable partner in business development.

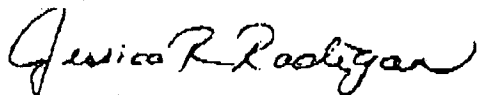
Anyone can see that the information technologies industry is a highly competitive industry, and that Microsoft's position as the leader has been fought against some very tough opposition. This competition keeps Microsoft on its toes to out-create its competitors, and I believe Microsoft's most productive and innovative days are yet to come as long

as this case does not result in over-regulation and penalties which will give competitors an unearned advantage.

I have faith in our justice system that this settlement agreement will be allowed to proceed and its provisions will be helpful to consumers.

Thank you for reviewing my words of encouragement to put this agreement to work for a more secure industry and economy.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jessica R. Radigan".

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